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Substitute For CIA Proposed By Monagan

WASHINGTON—U.S. Rep. John S. Monagan, D-Conn., today proposed the establishment of a Federally-chartered, independent corporation to set up a viable substitute for the Central Intelligence Agency to provide sponsorship and support to American citizens "who are eager to combat the Communists on their own ground and who are highly capable of doing so."

Monagan, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and a senior member of the Connecticut Delegation, introduced legislation providing for the creation of The American International Cultural and Educational Council.

The Connecticut Congressman said the purpose of the legislation is "to provide a viable substitute for the Central Intelligence Agency in its role as a clandestine supporter of educational, labor, student and other units who bore the brunt defending the society of the United States and of institutions throughout the world."

Monagan, who has been working on the legislation since last month when it was revealed that the Central Intelligence Agency funds had been used in international programs by American student, labor and other groups said the proposed American International Cultural and Educational Council "will give open support to organizations which through their inherent worth will symbolize Democratic values and will gain support throughout the world for these values through direct confrontation and competition with similar Communist groups."

Monagan, in a House speech in support of his bill, said "it should be fervently hoped" that the expenses of the corporation would be met from private funds, which would be tax-deductible.

In the event private funds were not received in sufficient amount, he said, the bill provides authorization for appropriations by the Congress.

"Thus," he said, "while there could be some governmental support, at least it would be open and its extent would be known."

"The fault with the Central Intelligence Agency sponsorship of these activities did not lie in their lack of importance or in the necessity of doing them, nor did it reside in the inefficiency of their performance, since all agree that they were efficiently carried out," Monagan told the House. "The error lay in the allocation of the responsibility for their sponsorship to an organization whose primary function was to gather information and whose nature was governmental, rather than private."